

CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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IT SEEMS that Lady Luck always has her head turned when Centrahoma is asking a smile. The failure of the recent wildcat oil test in that vicinity to become the big producer 'most everybody in this part of the country had hoped is not the first disappointment residents of that community have had. Back in the days when Oklahoma was a mere infant, Centrahoma was known as Owl. The constitutional convention designated Lehigh as the county seat of Coal county. Both Owl and Coalgate residents were anxious that their respective communities should have that honor and each put in an application. An election was held. Because Owl residents didn't consider that name good "campaign thunder" a local election was held and the town's title changed to Centrahoma, a very good choice. Coalgate won the election but that didn't stop Centrahoma.

What we can't figure out is how that New Year's baby gets to be such an old man in just twelve months' time.

COINCIDENCES: A Ponotoc county farmer needed a farmhand. He had a friend living in Arkansas whom he knew to be in need of employment. The farmer came to Ada, telegraphed the friend enough money to come to Ada and promised him a job when he got here. When the farmer returned to his home he found a letter from the Arkansas friend asking for a job and informing him that he was coming up anyway. . . . Dan Proctor, secretary of the Twin Highway junior high school athletic conference, decided a meeting of conference officials ought to be called. He took it upon himself to call a meeting at Seminole at 7:30 o'clock on a certain date and mailed letters to all members carrying that information. The next day he was surprised to receive a similar letter from the president of the conference, who lives at Shawnee, announcing a meeting at the same place at the same time on the same date. Each had called the meeting without the knowledge of the other.

Prosperity Note: Since 1931 the First Baptist church of Ada has reduced the debt on its big building from \$75,000 to \$50,000, paid all current expenses and interest on the remainder of the indebtedness, to say nothing of contributions to missions and other activities.

WILDER THOMPSON had a trick desk with a stow away typewriter compartment on display. We happened along and opened the thing up, disclosing the portable typewriter it contained. "Why, there it is," exclaimed Wilder. "I've been looking for that typewriter all day. I wanted to show it two or three times but couldn't find it."

Statistics on Insanity: Since statehood 279 persons have been committed from this county to state institutions for insanity. Of this number 170, or 61 per cent, were men and 109, or 39 per cent, were women. The average age of insanity for men was 43 years and for women 42 years. Coincidentally, for every case of insanity there has been an adoption recorded.

R. A. "TIGE" HERNDON discloses that the reason he has been wearing a cane lately is not an overburden of pride because of the recent birth of a grandson; he sprained his ankle and is qualifying early for the \$200 a month old age pension being promoted by one Dr. Townsend, et al. He says he hasn't started figuring on how—or whether—to spend it yet.

If the highway safety campaign workers want to get in a really effective lick of work during 1936, they might sponsor a "Keep Off the Highways" week to come right after the "Eat an Apple" or "Thrift" week, which, we think, are the only two weeks of the year not already designated for observance of some worthy cause.

AUSTIN R. DEATON denies that he is a "chronic office-holder," asserting that first-termers just don't come in that classification. . . . James G. Saied, East Central bandsman, would make up dandy as an Oriental snake charmer and judging from the way he handles that clarinet, he probably could do very well at it. . . . Allen Stanfield, deputy U. S. marshal, received more than 1,100 letters of congratulation from parts of the United States on his work in rounding up the desperadoes who broke jail at Muskogee recently. . . . And now somebody tells us that Mrs. J. W. Cadwalder clips and files each week's issue of "Curios and Antiques." . . . We agree with Byron Norrell who wishes that the days would get a lot longer soon, although he doesn't care for the Alaskan type. He and Mrs. Norrell vacationed in the U. S. icebox last summer and they are of the opinion that Alaska overdoes the thing by having days 24 hours long. . . . We didn't realize how good Al Withrow and Joe Cole were as vaudeville entertainers, either, until we happened to be in a train car with them Christmas Eve night.